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IN PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DISC DEVICE, the specification of which was filed on May 7, 2004, as PCT International Application No. PCT/JP04/06492 (now U.S. Patent Application No. 10/556,235) and was amended on November 9, 2005.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Nos.	Country	Foreign Filing Date Month/Day/Year	Priority Claimed Yes/No
2003-133476	Japan	May 12, 2003	Yes
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